glory and in emulation of Rome deriveth itself from tie ven same original, for Brute, descended from the demy god Aeneas, the son of Venus, daughter of Juppiter, about the year of the world 2855 (the year before Christ's natrvity 1108) budded a city near unto a river now called Thames, and named it Troynovant, or Trenovant, or Tnnovantum as have some written copies This afterwards being repaired by King Lud, he called it Caire-Lud or * Lud's town/ and the strong gate which he budded in the west of the City,[c] Ludgate

[5] Caesar in his *Commentaries* speaketh also of the City of the Tnnobantes, which hath resemblance with Troynova or Trmobantum by no greater difference in the orthography than changing b into v

MR STOW'S COMMENDATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON

'Besides the commodities of the furtherance of religion and justice , the propagation of learning , the maintenance of arts, the increase of riches, and the defence of countries (all which are before showed to grow generally by cities, and be common to London with them), London bringeth singularly these things following

[e] By advantage of the situation it disperseth foreign wares (as the stomach doth meat) to all the members most com-modiously

[c] By the benefit of the river of Thames, and great trade of merchandise, it is the chief maker of manners, and nurse of onr navy , and ships (as men know) be the wooden walls for defence of our Realm

* It mamtaineth m flourishing estate the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Kent and Sussex, which as they he in the face of our most puissant neighbour, so ought they (above

others) to be
conserved in the greatest strength and riches ,
and these, as it is
well known, stand not so much by the benefit of
their own soil
as by the neighbourhood and nearness which
they have to
London
* It relieveth plentifully and with good policy
not only her
own poor people (a thing which scarcely any
other town or
shire doth) but also the poor that from each
quarter of the
realm do flock unto it, and it imparteth liberally to
the necessity
of the Universities besides It is an ornament to
the realm by the